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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
NAMIBIA
IPF:(1992-96) $11 862 000
(NAM/93/003) - Strengthening the Technical Capacity of the Secretariat of the National Planning Commission

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	21 April 1993	
Expected duration:	24 months	
Proposed executing agency:	United Nations	
Government implementing agency:	National Planning Commission	
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$879 000	Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$879 000	
Technical Support Services-2	$ 28 500	
Administrative and Operational Support:	$ 96 100	

Project background

Following the dominance of South Africa in the overall administration of the country, management capacity and the presence of qualified human resources in Government administration were, at the time of independence, inadequate for designing, implementing and monitoring appropriate development policies as defined by the new Government of Namibia. Against this background, the Government has undertaken the task of restructuring the Government machinery, an effort which requires substantial restructuring and strengthening of the public sector and training or retraining of civil servants. Among the newly established Government institutions is the National Planning Commission (NPC), which is charged with the preparation of planning the priorities and direction of national development.

The Government has therefore requested UNDP technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat of the NPC. The above-mentioned project will lend support to the Government's effort to create an effective system of planning and development cooperation through an integrated programme of technical assistance to the most important planning institution of the country.

Description of project

The development objective of the project is to promote the Government's efforts to achieve sustainable and well-shared economic growth with correction of inequities and unequal distribution of wealth.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) formulate the medium and long-term development plans; (b) integrate the development budget with recurrent budget; (c) monitor

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the performance of the economy; (d) undertake investment programming and project planning; and (e) coordinate and evaluate development assistance provided by multilateral, bilateral and NGO-sources.

Project activities will include: (a) provision of long-term advisory services in the areas of macro-economic and sectoral planning, short-term advisory services in the areas of development cooperation management, regional planning, management information systems and building systems for in-house training; (b) conducting in-service training courses; and (c) arranging study tours to ensure that outputs are achieved in a sustainable manner.

At the end of this project it is expected that the NPC Secretariat will have a strengthened capacity for development planning and budgeting; for making efficient use of national resources through investment programming and project planning; and for coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the usefulness of international development cooperation. Services to be provided under TSS-2 will cover participation in technical missions as well as continuous backstopping, which includes provision of technical guidance, analysis of technical reports and PPER, and preparation of backstopping and evaluation reports.

The project will be an integral part of a comprehensive Government programme in the broad area of macro-economic policy formulation, planning and management as defined by the recently established "Inter-Agency Committee on Macro-Economic Planning" (IACMEP). The IACMEP, which consists of members of the key economic government agencies, will act as the Government's advisory body on all issues related to macro-economic issues and will provide substantive inputs for Government decision making as presented through the annual fiscal budget, the National Development Plan, the Annual Report to the National Planning Commission and in relation to specific requests made by Cabinet.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 24 work-months for a CTA/macro-economic planning adviser; 24 work-months for an adviser on sectoral planning, 4.5 work-months of consultancies in development cooperation management, 4.5 work-months of consultancies in management information systems, 3.0 work-months of consultancies in regional planning, 1.5 work-months consultancies in preparation of working and training manuals, in-country training in development planning and budgeting, monitoring of macro-economic performance, public investment programming, and project appraisal, management and evaluation; study tours for 10 NPC staff members on issues related to public investment programming and project development and management; two computers with accessories; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	711 000
Training	142 000
Equipment	18 000
Miscellaneous	8 000
Total	879 000

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